

God of his fathers, and who has also raised up the Lord Jesus from the dead. This is the hope that can kindle a new steadfastness, that can nerve to fresh zeal. It is based upon God. This hope can labor on with the certainty that such "labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Conscience void of offence, v. 16. A good conscience is greater riches than the most extensive fortune, since it gives the peace that the world can never give; it is more powerful than the mightiest monarch, since it influences all people; it is more eloquent than the most skillful of advocates, since it has truth written on the heart.

Heard him concerning the faith in Christ, v. 24. They are planning to use Niagara Falls to provide electricity which may be conveyed to distant cities and towns, and there drive the machinery of many factories. Before long it is likely that the energy of that mighty cataract will be carried to wherever it may be required. Jesus Christ is the source of all power in the spiritual world. Our faith in Him is like the wires which convey the electric power. It is He alone who

is able quicken our lives and strengthen us for holy activity. His grace and Spirit are offered freely to all.

Righteousness, temperance, v. 25. The religion of Christ is practical; for even as machinery is of value only if it turns out the product for which it was constructed, so our religious beliefs are mere useless lumber unless they bring forth the fruit of right living.

Judgment to come, v. 25. Those who see actual danger confronting them strain every nerve to make good their escape from it. When we realize that the judgment of which the Bible speaks is a reality which we shall one day be obliged to face, we shall exert ourselves to escape from the penalties which it will bring.

Convenient season, v. 25. Who has ever yet found a season altogether to his liking? Always some little inconvenience comes in to prevent it from being perfect. They who wait on seasons will never win. We must mould seasons to our will. It is within ourselves that the decision must be made, and if we look at things from within, every season is convenient.

POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS

Innocence seeks, while guilt shuns, the light. v. 10.

Worship has nothing in common with wickedness. v. 11.

Arguments, to be conclusive, must be founded on facts. v. 12.

Unless we can give clear proof, we should avoid making accusations. v. 13.

Calling a thing by a bad name does not make it bad in reality. v. 14.

All men enter the other world by the same gateway, but different destinies await them there. v. 15.

Acquittal by conscience outweighs condemnation by our fellowmen. v. 16.

Curiosity craves for what is new, candor seeks what is true. v. 24.

Religious emotion is worthless unless it impels to right action. v. 25.

Our judgment of others reflects our own character. v. 26.

In the drop of venom which distils from the sting of the smallest insect or the spikes of the nettle leaf, there is concentrated the quintessence of a poison so subtle that the microscope cannot detect it, and yet so virulent that it can inflame the blood and convert day and night into restless misery. Of slanderers scripture declares, "Adders' poison is under their lips."—F. W. Robertson.

There is no terror, Cassius, in your threats; For I am armed so strong in honesty, That they pass by me as the idle wind Which I respect not.

—Shakespeare

I say to my friend, "Be a Christian." That means to be a full man. And he says to me, "I have not time to be a Christian. I have not room. If my life was not so full I You don't know how hard I work from morning to night. What time is there for me to be a Christian?" It is as if the engine had said it had no room for the steam. It is as if the tree had said it had no room for the